

should serve as a model for the entire international community. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deep appreciation to President Lee and the people of Taiwan for this compassionate offer. Hopefully, this act will encourage other nations to aid in rebuilding the Balkans so that the people there can move past the horrible atrocities that have been committed over the past few months and begin rebuilding their lives and families in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE LIEN, PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Clarence Lien of Forest Lake, Minnesota. On June 7, 1999, I had the great honor of presenting a belated Purple heart to Clarence. He is most deserving of this long overdue recognition. I take this opportunity to congratulate Clarence and thank him for his service and sacrifice.

Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD remarks by Clarence Lien made at his award presentation.

The remarks follow:

REMARKS BY CLARENCE LIEN

I am a bit overwhelmed. I honestly didn't think this would ever happen, but I'm glad it did. And I'm really amazed that all of you would take time to come here today to be part of this. I feel lucky, I feel honored.

And you know that I'm not a speech maker, or a big talker for that matter. But there is one thing that I would talk about, and that one thing is "freedom".

Next to family, freedom is the most precious thing that you have. When I was in Stalag 17, I had a lot of time to think. And when you are in a situation where everything is taken away from you, you quickly realize where your priorities are. I can tell you, as if it was yesterday, that the things that I missed the most were my family and my freedom.

Freedom is a word we all know and to many of us, take for granted. But, boy, if you don't have it for a year or so, you realize what a gift it is. Imagine, if you can, being told when or if you can eat, and what you can eat. Imagine someone else dictating when you can speak, and what you can say. Try to visualize being afraid for your life every waking moment.

Freedom gives you the ability to make decisions, right and wrong ones. When you have that taken away, it makes you feel like an animal, a caged animal at that.

Freedom to me is a treasure.

There is something odd to me about the word "free". In every day living, we think free means "At no cost." But that is so far from the truth. There is a huge cost associated with being free. And we should never forget that.

I will always remember a certain moment back in 1945. I was being shipped home after the war ended, and we entered New York harbor. In the distance I could see the Statue of Liberty. I tell you, I was so happy and so thankful to be coming home, and Lady Liberty was the symbol that I had arrived. And that I was once again free.

Yep, Stalag 17 taught me a lot about freedom.

So I'd like to challenge you today to appreciate every decision you are allowed to

make—even the hard ones. And to appreciate the veterans of today and tomorrow for protecting the freedom we all enjoy. And to never forget that this country we live in is truly "the land of the free." Thank you.●

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY COCHRAN

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Shirley Cochran, a person who has made a significant contribution to the education of our children.

Ms. Cochran's outstanding efforts during her 28 years as a special educator have helped countless individuals live productive, successful lives. In her current position at the Camelot Care Center in Palatine, IL, she continues to assist students who have enrolled to get the special attention they need. Ms. Cochran's kindness and commitment are commendable.

As an educator with an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in special education, Ms. Cochran is well-equipped to serve as a teacher and administrator. But it is her genuine kindness, sincerity, and devotion to her students that make her the remarkable educator she has proven to be throughout the past 28 years.

Ms. Cochran is an example of professional dedication for all teachers in the state of Illinois and the nation. I congratulate her on her years of educational achievement, and wish her the best of luck in the years to come.●

HONORABLE ULYSSES WHITTAKER BOYKIN INVESTITURE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Ulysses Whittaker Boykin on his appointment as a new judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan. On Friday, June 18 he will be invested and begin his official duties.

Judge Boykin is very deserving of this appointment. Throughout his career, he has maintained the strongest of commitments to the highest legal standards. From his early days as an associate attorney in some of Michigan's finest law firms to his most recent position as a Partner and Shareholder in the firm of Lewis, White & Clay, Judge Boykin has always distinguished himself and received recognition by his peers for his excellent knowledge of the law and his legal ability.

Additionally, Judge Boykin is very involved with his community. From his role with the Detroit Civil Service Commission to his work in mentoring high school and college students, his involvement in these activities and so many more have well prepared him for this appointment.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Judge Boykin to the bench. His reputation as being fair-minded precedes him, and I am confident the 3rd

Judicial Circuit Court and the State of Michigan will benefit from his tenure.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP SIMMONS

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, today it is my great privilege and honor to salute one of my home state's legendary craftsmen, Philip Simmons, on his 87th birthday. Mr. Simmons retired in 1990 after more than 60 years as a master blacksmith in Charleston, SC. Despite his retirement, Mr. Simmons takes great pride in checking in on his shop each day, saying hello to the many workers he trained, some of them for more than 30 years, as they carry on the craft.

Philip Simmons' renowned ironwork is on display throughout South Carolina, including the symbolic gates to the city outside the Meeting Street Visitors Center in Charleston, at the S.C. State Museum in Columbia, and he has been inducted into the S.C. Hall of Fame in Myrtle Beach. I am also proud to say that Mr. Simmons work can be viewed here in our nation's capitol at the Smithsonian Museum.

The dedication, love and pride in craftsmanship displayed by Philip Simmons and passed on to his apprentices is to be saluted. Mr. Simmons is an appropriately admired member of the South Carolina family and I join his relatives, friends and admirers in wishing him a happy birthday and health and happiness in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CABOT CREAMERY COOPERATIVE ON THE OC- CASION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVER- SARY

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am pleased that this weekend I will be helping to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Vermont's farmer owned Cabot Creamery Cooperative.

The Cabot Creamery Cooperative was founded in 1919 by 94 farmers, who came together with a vision of a better way to operate a dairy. The original farmers each pledged \$5 per cow and a cord of firewood to fire the boiler. The total investment was \$3,700. Today, over 1,600 farm families from all of the New England States and upstate New York belong to the cooperative. The creamery and the Cabot brand name are internationally known, having been named "World's Best Cheddar" in 1997 and "Best Cheddar in the USA" in 1998. Their outstanding products can be found in stores across the country.

The cooperative is a shining example of farmers working together for a common good. Together they control their own financial destiny by owning a brand name, the facilities to produce a high quality product and a cooperative to supply the needed milk. Their way of doing business continues to secure a sound future for their family farms and the unique rural way of life of their